
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 4 June 2015 at 9.00am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Chesterman
Members	Cr M Forsyth Cr M Gallagher Cr K Green Cr A King Cr D Macpherson Cr G Mallett Cr A O'Leary Cr R Pascoe Cr L Tooman Cr E Wilson Cr P Yeung
In Attendance	Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager City Environments, General Manager City Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Events and Economic Development, General Manager Organisational Development and General Manager Performance. Corporate Projects Accountant, Community Development & Leisure Manager, City Safe Unit Manager, Waters Manager, Manager Swimming & Recreation, City Planning Unit Manager, River Plan Manager and Communication Advisor
Committee Advisors	Mrs J C Pani and Mrs M Birch

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received. Later in the meeting Council was advised of apologies for lateness from Cr Green and Cr Macpherson.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)
That the Council confirm the agenda

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

As this was deliberation following a consultation and hearings process there was no requirement for a public forum.

5. 10-Year Plan Final Deliberations

Introduction

Prior to the General Manager (GM) Performance, supported by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), speaking to this Report, Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker advised of the following order for consideration of this Item:

- Presentation of Report by GM and CFO.
- Consideration of recommended changes arising from new information (page 10 and page 17, Attachment 3 of the Report);
- funding requests (page 15, Attachment 2); and
- other major themes (page 12, Attachment 1)

Councillor Gallagher joined the meeting at 9.05am during the introduction by the General Manager.

The GM Performance introduced this Item and commented that the submissions and engagement meeting notes had been made available to Elected Members. The GM worked through the information provided in the Report.

Particular mention was made of the change to the Local Government Act that provided the Council with an opportunity to engage with the community in a more focused, interactive and inclusive way. The GM advised that the new way that the Council listened to the community would be included in a review that is to be undertaken of this 10-Year Plan process.

There were views expressed both for and against this new approach to hearing from the submitters with some Councillors feeling that they were not able to listen to all submitters and that it was intimidating.

Action: The review of the submission and consultation process for the 10-Year Plan to be available in time for the 2016/2017 Annual Plan process.

Staff responded to questions with the following noted:

- The submission process was wider than in previous years. Submissions were also received via the usual communication channels. The only change for this 10-year planning process was in the way that people spoke to and presented in person to the Council.
- Even though the process was considered wider for this 10-Year Plan, there were less submissions received than for previous long term plan processes.
- Not every submitter was explicit in their preference for an option. Staff read through all the submissions – some submissions inferred an option.
- There was no down-grading of standardised submissions. Regarding Option 3, 34 submitters identified specific projects for deferral. The 301 submissions received through the Generation Zero standardised submission were not included as Option 3 in the Report, although they were advocating a reduction in the debt. It was agreed that 335 submissions indicated a lower level of debt, with 34 specifically indicating a preference for Option 3.
- The information circulated regarding growth assumptions remained relevant and realistic. Staff continued to have conversations with the National Institute of Demographics and Economic Analysis at the University of Waikato. The Report identifies some factors since the draft consultation was assembled. The information on growth assumptions was presented to Council by Natalie Jackson at the commencement of development of the 10-Year Plan.
- There had been media reports in the last few weeks of the pressure in the Waikato from population growth. This affected particularly Waipa and Hamilton.

Councillor Macpherson joined the meeting at 9.20am during the questions to the General Manager.

Councillor Green joined the meeting at 10.00am during the questions to the General Manager.

The Meeting adjourned from 10.20 until 10.35am.

Changes Arising from New Information (Risk and Opportunities)

The CFO, supported by the various GMs, presented suggested changes in the operating budget lines that had been identified as being large enough to require a change.

Staff responded to questions with the following noted:

- **Pool Staff Costs** – As alluded to at the recent Finance Committee there had been higher users this summer with additional senior staff required for safety reasons to cope with the usage and also to manage behaviour. Staff have been taking advice from both City Safe and the Police in terms of dealing with behaviour and any trespassing issues.
- **Parking Revenue** – There had been a thorough review of parking revenue with staff comfortable that the adjustment recommended to reflect actual results was as accurate as possible and a realistic figure.
- **Community Safety & Crime Prevention Grant** – In response to a concern about the lack of information and context to enable Council to make an informed decision on whether to allocate ratepayer funding to this activity, staff commented that they had only recently been advised that the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) funding grants for City Safe programmes would not be renewed. Council had been advised via the Executive Update and also at a recent Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- **Water Supply Revenue** – It was confirmed that this had been reported to the February, April and May meetings of the Finance Committee. Regarding the \$390,000 loss of revenue from major client, the GM confirmed that in principle there was a relationship between cost recovery and cost reduction, however, it was an incremental cost.

The Meeting then addressed the recommendations, paragraph 12 of the Report.

Water Supply Revenue, Parking Revenue, Interests Costs

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That after considering submissions the draft 10-Year Plan 2015-25 budgets, are amended as follows: the changed budgets, listed in the Report as Attachment 3, Table 1 “impact from budget update and review” (with the exception of the pool staff costs), are approved.

Pool Staff Costs

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Forsyth)

That after considering submissions the draft 10-Year Plan 2015-25 budgets are amended as follows: the pool staff costs (increased for safety), as detailed in the Report Attachment 3, Table 1, be added to the budget.

Community Safety & Crime Prevention Grant

Motion: (Crs Forsyth/O’Leary)

That funding of \$120,000 p.a. is added to the City Safe expenditure to maintain service levels after the loss of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Grant.

Prior to this Motion being debated, there were questions and clarification sought on the detail of this funding that was not being renewed. The Manager advised that both the Suburban City Safe Ambassador Patrol Programme (\$59,150pa) and the CBD Burglary and Crime Reduction Programme (\$60,000 p.a.) were previously funded from the MoJ. There was concern expressed about the lack of wider engagement and communication from the MoJ. Following questioning, Councillors requested further information prior to consideration of this Motion.

Procedural Motion: Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Wilson, then moved a Procedural Motion under Standing Orders 3.11.1(b) to adjourn debate on this Item to allow Councillors to be fully briefed prior to making a decision to fund \$120,000 to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Grant.

The Mayor ruled that this was a closure Motion and following advice from the Democracy Manager, Put the Procedural Motion.

Action: Staff to note that similar requests need to be presented to the Council by way of a full report.

Resolved: (Crs King/Wilson)

That this matter be deferred to a date before 30 June 2015 to allow Elected Members an opportunity to be briefed.

Those for the Motion:	Councillors Mallett, King, Gallagher, Green, Wilson, Forsyth and Macpherson
Those against the Motion:	Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker, Councillors Yeung, Chesterman, O’Leary, Pascoe and Tooman

Other Major Themes from Submissions

The Meeting then considered other major themes from submissions. The GMs presented the staff response to the key issues identified during the consultation process as follows:

Permanent closure of Municipal Pool (Attachment 1 Page 12 of the Report)

The GM Community responded to questions regarding swimming facilities in Hamilton with the following noted:

- There was no doubt that the further swimming facilities were needed, with pressure on current facilities expected to increase with the projected growth.
- The community had been provided with plenty of opportunities to place their views before Council.
- The estimate was \$670,000 (not included in the 10-Year Plan) for demolition and clearance of the site. If left as is, cost would be \$10,000 p.a. for weed control and fencing.
- There had not been research on usage for a pool in the CBD. A covered pool would be preferable to enable use during the winter months.
- Hamilton Boys' High School have a 25m outside pool. They have put in an application for Partner Pool use and already have a relationship with Learn to Swim. Clarity is being sought on the level of community use, as this may be limited because the school would have priority. An indoor pool was also going to be built.
- Staff were recommending permanent closure of the Municipal Pool with any subsequent decision on the future use of the site to be a future consideration by Council.

The Meeting adjourned from 12.20 until 1.15pm.

Permanent closure of Municipal Pool – cont'd

Motion: (Crs Wilson/Macpherson)

That Council does not permanently close the Municipal pool and that it puts aside \$670,000 (in the 2016/2017 financial year) towards a refurbishment project and commences a request for proposal from the community for a public private fund raising campaign to rebuild a pool on the site. The request for proposal to be received by the end of November 2015.

Amendment: (Crs Chesterman/Forsyth)

Council supports the redevelopment of the Municipal Pool and provides \$4.5M (spread across 3 years) in the 10-year plan process to enable a trust to be formed and governance put in place to raise the balance needed.

Prior to consideration of the Amendment and the Motion, clarity was sought from the mover of the amendment who confirmed that this was additional to the funding for Water World which should be used in the North-East of Hamilton. The CFO provided Council with the financial consequences of the scenarios and confirmed that the amendment would be a capital cost and would increase Council's debt by \$4.5M.

The Meeting adjourned from 1.30 until 1.35pm.

Permanent closure of Municipal Pool – cont’d

Following the adjournment the following responses to questions were noted:

- The Amendment, with Hamilton City Council owning the pool, would require capital funding of \$4.5M and an operating budget of \$200,000.
- There would be a shortfall of \$1-1.3M for an outdoor pool and \$4-4.3M for an indoor facility. The previous drawings for the Municipal Pool site were for an outdoor pool complex and effectively a rebuild capturing the essence of the historical design.
- Staff are in the River Plan planning stages regarding the Ferrybank plan with a master plan being available mid-2016. If Council was to support a pool at the Municipal Pool location it would need to be included into any design brief for the Ferrybank planning process.
- Engineering information indicated that the Municipal Pool was not suitable for repair.
- Previous attempts by the community to secure funding were unsuccessful as the prospective funders were wanting commitment at that stage from the owner of the pool.

Councillor O’Leary left the meeting during discussion at 2.20pm.

The Amendment was Put.

Amendment: (Crs Chesterman/Forsyth)

Council supports the redevelopment of the Municipal Pool and provides \$4.5M (spread across 3 years) in the 10-year plan process to enable a trust to be formed and governance put in place to raise the balance needed.

Those for the Amendment:

Councillors Gallagher, Forsyth,
Macpherson, Yeung and Chesterman

Those against the Amendment:

Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, King, Green, Wilson,
Pascoe and Tooman

The Amendment was declared lost.

The Motion was then Put.

Motion: (Crs Wilson/Macpherson)

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Those for the Motion:

Councillors King, Gallagher, Green,
Wilson, Macpherson and Chesterman

Those against the Motion:

Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, Forsyth, Yeung,
Pascoe and Tooman

The Motion was declared equal votes. The Mayor advised that she would be exercising the Chair’s casting vote.

The Motion was declared lost.

Councillor O’Leary returned at 2.29pm and was not present for voting on the Amendment and the Motion.

The Meeting adjourned from 2.32 until 2.45pm.

Councillor Green retired from the Meeting at 2.32pm.

Permanent closure of Municipal Pool – cont'd

Motion: (Crs Pascoe/O'Leary)
That the Municipal Pool be permanently closed.

Amendment: (Crs Yeung/Gallagher)
That Council supports the redevelopment of the Municipal Pool and provides \$2.5M (spread across 3 years) in the 10-year plan process to enable a trust to be formed and governance put in place to raise the balance needed.

The CFO provided the Council with the financial consequences of the scenarios.

The Amendment was Put.

Those for the Amendment:	Councillors Gallagher, Forsyth, Macpherson, Yeung and Chesterman
Those against the Amendment:	Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker, Councillors Mallett, King, Wilson, O'Leary, Pascoe and Tooman

**The Amendment was declared lost.
The Motion was then Put.**

Resolved: (Crs Pascoe/O'Leary)
That the Municipal Pool be permanently closed.

Those for the Motion:	Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker, Councillors Mallett, King, Wilson, Forsyth, O'Leary, Pascoe and Tooman
Those against the Motion:	Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson, Yeung and Chesterman

During debate on the above the Meeting adjourned from 3.00 until 3.15pm.

Cycling Infrastructure (Attachment 1 Page 12 of the Report)

The GM City Infrastructure talked to this Item advising that staff were not recommending changes to the current 10-Year Plan provisions of approximately \$12.75M for cycle infrastructure. In response to questions regarding the contestable fund and allocating part of the fund to cycling, the GM advised that there was a total fund of \$900,000 p.a. in the Integrated Transport Fund. One-third of this fund could be allocated to cycling, with the New Zealand Transport Agency matching this funding.

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/Macpherson)

That council commits a minimum of \$3M of the \$9M Integrated Transport Fund to cycling for the 10-Year Plan period (in addition to any external funding including NZTA funding).

Those for the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Gallagher, Wilson, Forsyth,
Macpherson, Yeung, Chesterman,
O'Leary, Pascoe and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Councillors Mallett and King

Councillor O'Leary retired from the Meeting at 4.10pm.

Procedural Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

In response to a question regarding reconvening the Meeting to complete the business in a timely way, the Democracy Manager advised that the correct process would be for Council to resolve a procedural motion under Standing Orders 3.11.1(a) to adjourn the Meeting to reconvene at a date and time to be stated.

In response to a question about whether this would allow Council to comply with the legislative requirements regarding public notification of meetings, the Democracy Manager confirmed her earlier advice that the Council could, under Standing Orders 3.11.1(a), procedurally resolve to adjourn and reconvene Friday 5 June 2015.

Owing to the urgent nature of the business to be concluded the Chief Executive confirmed that Wednesday 10 June would be the last day for Council decision to adopt the 10-Year Plan for Audit New Zealand review and presenting to the Council on 30 June 2015.

Resolved: (Crs Chesterman/Pascoe)

That the meeting be adjourned to Friday 5 June 2015 commencing at 9.00am.

Those for the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, King, Wilson, Forsyth,
Yeung, Chesterman, Pascoe and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Councillors Gallagher and Macpherson

The Meeting adjourned at 4.30pm to reconvene Friday 5 June 2015 at 9.00am.

The Meeting reconvened on Friday 5 June 2015 at 9.00am.

PRESENT:

Chairperson	Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Chesterman
Members	Cr M Forsyth Cr M Gallagher Cr K Green Cr A King Cr G Mallett Cr A O'Leary Cr R Pascoe Cr L Tooman Cr E Wilson Cr P Yeung
In Attendance	Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager City Environments, General Manager City Infrastructure, General Manager Community, General Manager Events and Economic Development, General Manager Organisational Development and General Manager Performance. Senior Strategic Policy Analyst, Corporate Projects Accountant, Community Development & Leisure Manager, City Safe Unit Manager, Waters Manager, Manager Swimming & Recreation, City Planning Unit Manager, River Plan Manager and Communication Advisor
Committee Advisors	Mrs J Pani, Mrs M Birch and Mr B Stringer

Welcome:

Her Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the reconvened Meeting. She advised that the advice from the Chief Executive and the City Solicitor confirmed that the Meeting had appropriately adjourned on 4 June to reconvene at 9.00am on Friday 5 June.

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Tooman)

That the apologies from Councillor Macpherson and apologies from Councillor Wilson (for lateness) be received and accepted.

Councillors O'Leary and Forsyth dissenting.

Cr King objected to the words "mischievous behaviour" used in debate by Cr O'Leary. Following the Chair's ruling in favour of the objection requesting that the words be withdrawn, the Chair set out some rules for the Meeting.

5. 10-Year Plan Final Deliberations Cont'd

Other Major Themes from Submissions

The Meeting returned to consider other major themes from submissions. The GMs presented the staff response to the key issues identified during the consultation process as follows:

Pensioner Housing (Attachment 1 Page 13 of the Report)

The GM Performance responded to questions regarding pensioner housing with the following noted:

- 23 organisations had responded to the 23 February 2015 expressions of interest and registered an interest. Site tours of the complexes were conducted in May, with many of the interested parties participating. The inspection phase continued until August 2015. Staff would report back to the Council towards the end of 2015.
- A discussion on fees and charges would be available later in the Meeting.

Public source of non-fluoridated water (Attachment 1 Page 13 of the Report)

The GM City Infrastructure and GM Performance responded to questions regarding a public source of non-fluoridated water with the following noted:

- The information in Attachment 1 of the Report was consistent with what had been provided.
- Some of the towns identified in the submissions, already had non-fluoridated water.
- The fundamental difference between Hamilton and these places was that many of them could tap into artesian wells and bores. This approach would be costly, as Hamilton did not have the same access to the aquifer water and probably could not find a secure supply free from contaminants.
- Hastings District had provided an outside solution with vehicle access to the supply.
- Normal flow rate was 1-2 litres/minute for the non-fluoridated water.
- Option 2 in the Report presented an internal supply, similar to a water cooler, using reverse osmosis technology to remove fluoride.
- Expectation from staff was that people would bring 20 litre containers to source the water, Staff had not been advised of any commercial operators interested in obtaining non-fluoridated water.
- It was clarified that there would need to be a capital budget, and then on going operational budget, to provide this non-fluoridated water supply.

Resolved: (Crs Yeung/Forsyth)

That a capital budget of \$60,000, and an annual operating budget \$5,000 from year 1, for a non-fluoridated water station be provided, with staff to report back on the options for the Council following consultation with the groups requesting the facility.

Those for the Motion:

Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, Gallagher, Green,
Forsyth, Yeung, Chesterman, O'Leary and
Pascoe

Those against the Motion:

Councillors King and Tooman

Hamilton and Waikato Tourism (Attachment 2 Page 15 of the Report)

The GM Performance responded to questions regarding the funding request from Hamilton Waikato Tourism with the following noted:

- There would be a 50% increase from the current funding.
- All the territorial authorities in the region had confirmed funding to Hamilton and Waikato Tourism, subject to adoption of their 10-year plans, with the Regional Council declining to provide funding.
- Hamilton and Waikato Tourism financials are publicly available.

Resolved: (Crs Pascoe/Chesterman)

That additional funding for Hamilton and Waikato Tourism of \$195,000 p.a. is budgeted as requested in their submission, subject to the other funding partner councils confirming their increased share in their final 10-Year Plans.

Those for the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Gallagher, Forsyth, Yeung,
Chesterman, O'Leary, Tooman and
Pascoe

Those against the Motion: Councillors Mallett, King and Green.

Te Awa River Ride Charitable Trust (Attachment 2 Page 15 of the Report)

Funding for the development of the southern extension is to be considered by the Discretionary Transport Programme Working Group.

Creative Waikato (Attachment 2 Page 15 of the Report)

Feasibility study for Regional Art Gallery funding to be considered during the development of the 2016/17 Annual Plan following completion of the Waikato Museum Strategic Plan.

Requests for arts and culture project can be made to the existing grant funds.

ULeisure (Attachment 2 Page 15 of the Report)

Funding for the partner pool programme is to remain the same.

The GM Community will work through with Hamilton Boy's High School issues regarding the Partner Pool Programme.

Te Runanga or Kirikiriroa (Attachment 2 Page 16 of the Report)

Support for the Marae being a community centre could be considered by the Multi-Year Community Contestable Fund.

Living Wage (Attachment 2 Page 16 of the Report)

In response to a request to the Chief Executive for a report on how a living wage might be implemented in future years, the Chief Executive advised that this had been previously considered by Council and that no new information was available.

The Meeting adjourned from 10.30 until 10.50am.

Councillor Wilson joined the meeting at 10.50am following the adjournment.

Changes Arising from New Information (Risk and Opportunities)

Community Safety & Crime Prevention Grant

The Council returned to consideration of the Motion (Crs Forsyth/O'Leary) "That funding of \$120,000 p.a. is added to the City Safe expenditure to maintain service levels after the loss of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Grant." The additional information, as requested earlier in the Meeting, was tabled at the commencement of the reconvened Meeting.

Councillor Chesterman left the meeting at 10.55am prior to voting on this Item.

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/O'Leary)

That funding of \$120,000 p.a. is added to the City Safe expenditure to maintain service levels after the loss of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Grant.

Those for the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Gallagher, Green, Forsyth,
Yeung, O'Leary, Pascoe and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Councillors Mallett, King, and Wilson

Other Major Themes from Submissions Cont'd

Riverlea Theatre and Arts Centre (Attachment 2 Page 16 of the Report)

The Meeting returned to consider Riverlea Theatre and Arts Centre – a major theme from submissions. Staff advised that the Council decision in September 2014 was to sell the Riverlea Theatre and that as the sale was progressing within the terms, no further action was recommended at this stage.

Other Matters:

Fees and Charges

Pensioner Housing – The GM Performance advised that during the budget discussions in February 2015, it was agreed that any fee increase be deferred until the outcome of the sale process was known. The tenants had been advised of this.

Resolved: (Crs Gallagher/Yeung)

That the pensioner housing fee increase of 11% is not implemented until the outcome and timing of the housing sale process is known with the reduction in revenue met by corresponding cost savings.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Gallagher, Green, Wilson,
Forsyth, Yeung, O'Leary and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, King and Pascoe

Pool in the North-East

The issue of bringing forward the new Pool to Year 3 was discussed:

- Additional investment at the Waterworld complex would still be required even if a new North-East pool was constructed.
- The GM Community advised that it would not be possible to establish a new stand-alone pool for \$4.8 million (the budgeted Waterworld costs) and that the operating costs for such a pool would be significant.
- The CFO provided Council with the financial consequences of the scenarios.
- The GM Community confirmed that the demand for more pool facilities was immediate and likely to increase given rising numbers participating in swimming as a recreational activity.

Councillor O'Leary retired from the Meeting at 11:58am during the above discussion.

The Meeting adjourned from 12.12pm to 12.19pm.

Sustainability Report

In response to questions, the GM Performance commented that the responsibility for the Sustainability Report sat with the Sustainability Leadership Forum. The Forum would then make recommendations to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

Response to Submitters

The GM Performance clarified that the high-level decisions made by Council would be communicated to submitters on the 10-Year Plan. More specific responses would be provided to substantive submissions.

Founders Theatre

The GM Performance confirmed that Council had previously resolved that business cases on the options would be prepared and brought back for consideration.

The Meeting adjourned from 12.35pm to 1.15pm at the conclusion of the above Item.

Cr Chesterman returned to the Meeting when it reconvened at 1:15pm.

The Meeting then moved to consideration of Item 7 – Deliberations on 2015 Draft Development Contributions Policy.

7. Deliberations on 2015 Draft Development Contributions Policy

The GM Performance spoke to the report and highlighted that the PWC review confirmed the overall accuracy of the Development Contributions (DC) model was very high and consistent with other territorial authorities. The PWC review would be shared with the working group to be established.

The GM Performance and CFO, supported by the Senior Strategy Policy Analyst, responded to the following questions:

- It was agreed that the word “perceived” in paragraph six of the staff report was not required.
- Staff took comfort that the draft Policy was built on robust advice obtained during the last review in 2012/13. That advice addressed the same criticisms raised in the submissions received for the 10-Year Plan.
- Both benefit and cost causation are factors taken into account when determining a DC.
- The removal of Producers Price Index adjustments from the draft Policy was being recommended on the basis of feedback received from the development community. The total capital cost was recovered under the model.
- The complexity of the Policy was a result of submissions received from the development community on previous DC policies to provide accuracy on cost.
- The 10-Year Plan’s budgeted revenue for DCs was based on a middle conservative line. If the Policy was not approved by Council, there would be no material adjustment to the revenue line in the draft Plan.
- It was estimated that it would take six months for the working group to provide conclusions to Council on any changes to the DC Policy. The focus would be to educate the working group on the methodology used under the Policy.

Resolved: (Crs Wilson/Chesterman)

- a) That the report be received.
- b) That a working group be established to work with the development community during 2015/16 on Council’s Development Contributions Policy and Growth Funding Policy, and that staff report to Council on 30 June 2015 with draft Terms of Reference for this working group.
- c) That the Producers Price Index adjustment be removed from the policy.
- d) That the timeframe for application for a remission of an advised development contribution be extended from 20 to 30 working days.
- e) That Council note the proposed staff responses to the submission themes outlined in section 57 of the Staff Report.
- f) That the Development Contributions Policy reflecting changes outlined in this report be presented to Council on 30 June 2015 for adoption, noting an effective date of 1 July 2015.

Cr King declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 6 – Revenue and Financing and Rates Remission and Postponement Policy. He withdrew from the Meeting for the duration of the Item and did not take part in discussion or voting.

6. Revenue and Financing and Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

The CFO advised that:

- there were no new issues raised in the submissions received and, as such, no changes were recommended; and
- the last row on Table 4 (page 43 of the Agenda) be removed as Horsham Downs Hall Committee had resolved to cease collecting rates from Hamilton city properties.

Resolved: (Crs Wilson/Chesterman)

- a) That the report be received.
- b) That Council adopt the Rating Policy, Funding Needs Analysis, Revenue and Financing Policy (subject to the noted change) and Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

8. Investment and Liability Management Policy

Resolved: (Crs Wilson/Chesterman)

- a) That the report be received.
- b) That the Investment and Liability Management Policy be adopted by Council.

5. 10-Year Plan Final Deliberations Cont'd

Final Budget Confirmation

The GM Performance confirmed that the Financial Strategy limits as set out under paragraph 12(d) in the staff report were the same as contained in the consultation document. He and the CFO responded as follows:

- The debt to revenue ratio would be expressed as a percentage in the final 10-Year Plan presented for adoption. This approach was consistent with the current 10-Year Plan.
- The resolutions made by Council during the Meeting did not materially change the Financial Strategy limits.
- The 10-Year Plan, if adopted, would take effect from 1 July 2015 and replace the remainder of the current plan.

Resolved: (Crs Chesterman/Pascoe)

a) That as a result of the changes to the 10-Year Plan resolved by Council the key Financial Strategy limits are:

Limit	Achieved
Rates increases to existing ratepayers will not exceed 3.8%.	3.8% - 2016 to 2025
Balance the books target by 2016	2016 to 2025
The debt to revenue ratio will be reduced to 200% or below by 2020 and thereafter will remain below 200%.	2020 to 2025

b) That after adjusting the 10-Year Plan budgets for the above resolutions, staff prepare the 10-Year Plan 2015-25 for audit and adoption by 30 June 2015.

Those for the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Forsyth, Yeung, Chesterman,
Pascoe and Tooman

Those against the Motion: Councillors Mallett, King, Gallagher,
Green and Wilson

The Meeting was declared closed at 2:16pm